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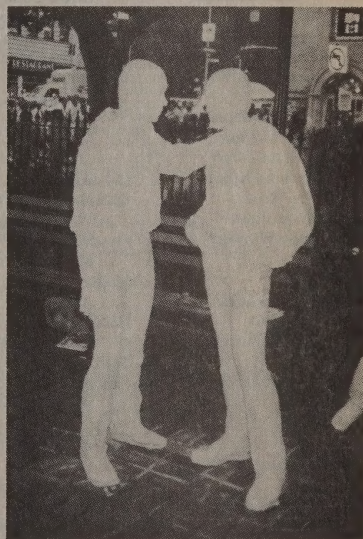
Colorado Springs PrideFest 94 Happens This Weekend, July 15-17

Mel White, Michael Bussee & José Zuniga Appearing
by PPGLCC and Ground Zero staffs

PrideFest 94, the Pikes Peak Gay & Lesbian Community Center's annual celebration of Gay Pride, begins this Friday, July 15. A variety of events are scheduled in several parts of town. The PrideFest Committee has enlisted the aid and support of several local organizations, all of whom have worked together to make PrideFest 94 a memorable event. We hope you will be able to celebrate with us over this exciting weekend.

The weekend is being kicked off Friday evening with a **Film Festival** at Palmer High School auditorium on the corner of Platte and Nevada. The featured film is "Living Proof: HIV and the Pursuit of Happiness," directed by Kermit Cole, who will be in attendance that evening, and will address the crowd after the film is shown. "Living Proof" follows the lives of ten men, women and children, all of whom have been infected with the HIV virus. The film begins at 7:00 pm; the

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to promote understanding, cooperation and a sense of community among lesbians, gay men and bisexual and transgendered people,

to promote, within society at large, an appreciation of the history, culture and contributions of lesbians, gay men and bisexual and transgendered people,

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The Pikes Peak Gay & Lesbian Community Center uses the advertising revenue from *Community Vision* and money from annual dues (and generous donations!) to sponsor and finance the following activities:

- ♦ The annual Community Congress
- ♦ The annual Pride Week, including the Pride Parade
- ♦ The Anti-Violence Project
- ♦ The Helpline, answering over 1000 calls for information per year
- ♦ Referrals to 24 support groups and organizations in the Pikes Peak Area
- ♦ Publishing of *Community Vision* monthly
- ♦ Building and supporting our region's lesbian, gay and bisexual community

Community Center

Minutes of the June 14 Board Meeting

Attending the board meeting were members Margi Duncombe, Donald Johnson, Tami Gaylor, Alan Cook and Tamara Bartlett. With many board members on vacation or otherwise unable to attend, vice president Margi Duncombe led an informal discussion of various topics; no official business was conducted.

The May treasurer's report was distributed and discussed.

Tami Gaylor, co-chair of the PrideFest committee, gave details of the latest updates and changes to the annual Pride Week celebration.

The PPGLCC will sponsor its annual Community Congress in September. Discussion centered on the need for a nominating committee to propose a new slate of board officers, and board members that the entire membership of PPGLCC can vote on.

The August social event was discussed, with the suggestion of a picnic in the Garden of the Gods on a weekend evening in August.

Pueblo After 2 has requested help in staffing the booth at the Colorado State Fair in late August.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, August 9, at 7:00 pm in the Community Center's office.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald Johnson,
Board Secretary ▼

PPGLCC
Board of Directors Meeting:

Tuesday, August 9, 7:00 pm
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THE PRO-FAMILY RALLY DELIVERING A MESSAGE TO FOCUS



Join: MEL WHITE ("Stranger at the Gate")
MICHAEL BUSSEE ("One Nation Under God")
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around the state and nation

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FOCUS ON THE FAMILY BUILDING NOON JULY 16
(take the Briargate Exit off I-25--North of Colorado Springs turn east)

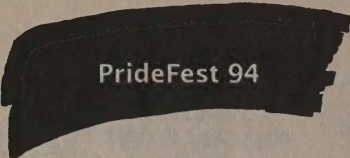
Michael Bussee and Mel White will attend a showing of "One Nation Under God" and answer questions after, showing at 7PM (Tickets \$10). They will also attend a reception thereafter (food, drink, entertainment) (tickets \$8) to meet the community. Kermit Cole and other notables are expected to attend, including Juvie Zuniga, who is Parade Grand Marshal. They all will also participate in the PRIDE PARADE at NOON on July 17th. As another part of the weekend, on July 15th, the films "Green on Thursday" and "Living Proof" will be shown at 7PM. Director Kermit Cole will discuss. Tickets are \$10. Come for the whole pride weekend. If you need housing or can supply housing to those in need, don't hesitate to contact us. Full information is available from:



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cost is \$10.

Saturday's events begin with Ground Zero's **Pro Family Rally** in front of the Focus on the Family building in Briargate (Briargate Parkway at Explorer Road). The keynote speaker at the rally is Dr. Mel White, author of *Stranger at the Gate*, former speechwriter for fundamentalist and evangelical leaders across the nation, and currently the Dean of the Cathedral of Hope MCC in Dallas, Texas, with a congregation of 1200 members and 5000 congregants. Dr. White will speak on "Love Makes A Family," showing that alternative types of families are also loving, caring and nurturing. Dr. White will be joined at the rally by Michael Bussey and José Zuniga.

Immediately following the rally there is a **Family Picnic** in Monument Valley Park. The location will be directly below the Fine Arts Center. People are invited to show up without reservations; just bring your own picnic, including any outdoor games, and join the crowd.

Saturday evening will be the second half of the **Film Festival**. The Saturday film will be "One Nation Under God," a biographical account of Michael Bussey's life as an evangelical minister who accepted his true sexual orientation and exposed the radical right ministries campaign of hate toward lesbians and gays. Both Michael Bussey and Dr. White will attend the showing of the film, and will conduct a question

and answer session immediately following.

Bussey and White will be joined for the question and answer session by José Zuniga, the U.S. Army's Soldier of the Year. Zuniga has visited and spoken in Colorado Springs before, and this year is the Grand Marshall of the Pride Parade.

A **Community Reception** for this year's guests of honor, Mel White, Michael Bussey and José Zuniga, will follow the question & answer session. The reception will be held in the Gates Common Room of Palmer Hall on the Colorado College Campus. Food, beverages and entertainment will be provided; the cost is \$8 per person.

Sunday is Parade Day, but the day begins with a **Program in Acacia Park** at 10:00 am. The program will feature speakers from many local organizations, with time for anyone who wishes to stand in front of the microphone and address the crowd on the subject of your choice. Booth displays will be set up during the morning, and most will be open by 10:00.

At noon people will begin congregating around the staging area for the **Pride Parade**, which begins at 1:00 pm. The staging area is located on Cache la Poudre, between Cascade and Nevada, the same as last year. The parade route is also the same: from Cache la Poudre and Nevada south to Platte, then into Acacia Park for the **Party in the Park**.

The Party in the Park will be exactly that. The morning is reserved for speeches of a political nature; the afternoon is reserved for celebration. All booths will be open, there will be food, entertainment and lots of items for sale.

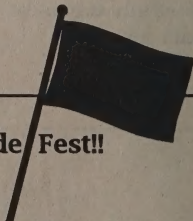
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PrideFest VIPs

Three National Figures Will Participate in PrideFest 94

by Ground Zero staff

Three people of national stature will be in Colorado Springs this weekend to help celebrate Gay Pride in the Pikes Peak Region. José Zuniga, Michael Bussee and Dr. Mel White have accepted invitations to participate in PrideFest 94, giving a definite focus to our celebration.

At the age of 23, Army Sergeant **José Zuniga** was already a veteran of the Gulf War. He was highly decorated for his exemplary service both as a combat medic and as a leading military journalist. In March of 1993, the U.S. Army bestowed one of its most coveted honors of Sgt. Zuniga, pronouncing him Soldier of the Year. Just six weeks later Zuniga rocked the nation and saw his stellar career come to an abrupt end: he revealed he was gay.

José has just completed his soon to be released book, *Soldier of the Year*, which picks up where Randy Stilts left off in *Conduct Unbecoming*. *Soldier of the Year* is an intensely candid, poignant account of the homophobia and hypocrisy that pervades the American military.

José is being co-sponsored by Ground Zero and La Guía during his stay. He will be Grand Marshall of

the PrideFest 94 Parade and Rally on Sunday the 17th.

Can one's sexual orientation be turned from gay to straight? Among those who once believed this was possible, **Michael Bussee** helped organize Exodus International, an organization that attempts to do precisely this.

"One Nation Under God" examines the social and cultural factors that have led some lesbians and gay men to seek a "cure" for their sexual orientation, and offers a glimpse into the history of this emotional debate within the church and psychiatric communities. It poses thoughtful questions on why lesbians and gay men are being asked to change.

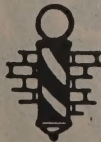
The film pays particular attention to Exodus International, a network of organizations and ministries at the forefront of the "ex-gay" movement. Bussee, along with Gary Cooper, were among the founders of Exodus International and served as national spokesmen for the organization -- until they fell in love with each other. The ex-ex-gays denounced the tactics of "homosexual recovery" and are now part of the solution, no longer part of the problem.

Michael Bussee will attend the showing of "One Nation Under God" on Saturday night, July 16, and will participate in the question and answer period following, and will be present at the Community Reception later that evening.

Dr. Mel White has had an interesting life and career. He was once regarded by the leaders of the religious right as one of their most talented and productive allies. He ghostwrote books and autobiographies, speeches for Billy Graham, Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell and Oliver North; he is the author of inspirational best sellers (*In the presence of Mine Enemies; Tested By Fire*); he is an award winning

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film maker, a pastor and a seminary professor.

White was saddened and angered when many of his old friends turned to "the homosexual threat" for raising money and mobilizing their political forces. The anti-gay propaganda pushed White to reveal his sexual orientation. He asked these people for meetings to discuss the suffering and discrimination caused by their false and inflammatory rhetoric.

When leaders of the religious right refused to meet with him, White went public in a series of front page stories in newspapers including *The Washington Post*, *USA Today*, and the *Los Angeles Times*. He appeared on "60 Minutes" and "Larry King Live." He wrote his own autobiography, *Stranger at the Gate: To Be Gay and Christian in America*.

Today White is totally involved in "a direct, face to face confrontation" with his old friends on the radical right. Dr. White will arrive in Colorado Springs on Monday, July 11, when he will begin a seven day fast to draw public attention to the misinformation on lesbians and gays being spread across the nation. The fast will end Sunday, July 17, at an interfaith service of Metropolitan Community Church at All Soul's Unitarian Church, Tejon and Dale Streets, at 4:00 pm. ▼

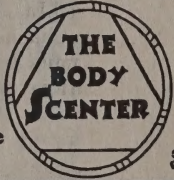
Too Fine Minds Appearing at H&S

by Greg Varner

The women's folk rock band from Albuquerque, Too Fine Minds, will be here over the weekend to perform at the rally following Sunday's Pride Parade. Their appearance in Acacia Park will follow their Saturday night performance (July 16) at the Hide & Seek.

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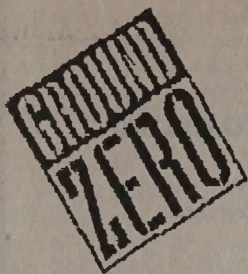
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"Sacred Lies/Civil Truths" to Air on Tuesday, July 12, Cable Channel 9

by Ground Zero staff

As part of its continuing OUT TV series, Ground Zero will air the film, "Sacred Lies/Civil Truths," on July 12 at 9:00 pm on cable Channel 9. This film was produced by Testing The Limits as an answer to "The Gay Agenda," and other anti-gay misinformation.

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Fund Raising Efforts of UCRSE Successful...Again!

from Court News

Special thanks to a remarkable man, Emperor XXI Michael of Denver, who donated his body to fund raising during the annual **Black & White Ball**. Michael was painted red, white and blue from head to toe. That was the only color; the bar was black and white, and half the guests that evening were dressed in black and white. There were leather boys and ladies in lace. Kaylyn won the costume contest dressed as a black and white pussy, and Dennis and Tammi Lynn Noel donated a black and white oil painting for auction that evening.

The bottom line was that \$1100 was raised and given to Pikes Peak Hospice, an organization that helps so many of our friends when they truly need it.

From the Empress:

"When I was a baby drag queen (back in the 17th century), I idolized female impersonators and particularly the wonderful Empresses (and Emperors!) from Denver, Seattle and beyond. After many years I decided to take up the Scepter. My years of observation and participation in the Court system have given me an idea of what it takes.

"It takes a lot of time and a good deal of money. It takes a willingness to work overtime, the ability to travel, personal likability (you cannot be a wallflower), and a very positive attitude. It also takes the ability to accept graciously complaints and the fact that you may not always get your own way. You must be able to manage and work with your staff and team, and represent the Court with honor. Talent doesn't hurt, either.

"And all this is just to get the job! Once there, the list of requirements and duties would fill a volume, but at the top of the list is the ability to inspire, organize and most importantly, to delegate responsibility. Stamina helps. And a thick hide. Being a monarch for a year is like running up Pikes Peak in heels with a 40 pound backpack. You start out very grandly, on flat land, but you must have your running shoes ready and pace yourself or you will be carried down on a stretcher.

"If you have been a member of this or another Court for at least a year, and have the above mentioned attributes, you may want to consider running for a Monarch position this year. Members of the Board of Advisors, the Regents' Council or other Court people are always ready to answer questions and help with advice, and will keep confidential your aspirations.

"Campaign kickoff is set for September 4th, with informational packets and registrations available on August 28th. Time marches on, and we are looking for a few good candidates!"

July Events

JULY 9 at 10:50 pm is the **Torn Jeans Contest** at the Hide & Seek. There are prizes for the holiest, sexiest, and others...Start ripping now! Call Kassondra or Steven for more information.

JULY 17 is the date **A Knight in the Kitchen** goes on sale. This wonderful, one of a kind new cookbook features some very unusual dishes from members of the Knights of the Garter and the 18th Reign.

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JULY 29 is the live presentation of the **Cathi Lee and Reggis Show** starring Grand Duke Stan Wright and Grand Czarina Kristy Michaels. The special topic will be "Men and Women Whose Hair Transplants Went Wrong." The H&S will be wild that night!

And don't forget...Knights of the Garter Meeting July 6; Cataline's Spaghetti Dinner & Line Meeting July 12; the Board of Advisors meeting July 13; Gay Day at Elitch's July 14; Queer Dayin Cripple Creek July 18; the Carousel Show at both the Penthouse and the H&S July 30; and Bingo every Monday. ▼

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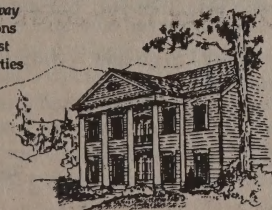
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Book Reviews

Booktalk With John Coniff

Well, Howdy Folks! You're friendly, mild mannered Friend in Books has abandoned reading for the wide expanse of the American Highway. Me and my Boyfriend of One Year (that's seven in het years, mind you) drove across the plains and crossed the Mississippi on our Big Fag Tour 1994.

After a somewhat terrifying drive across Kansas in the dark and torrential rains, across one lane highways and charging trucks, we made it to Kansas City, drove right over to the Nelson Atkins Museum of Art and abandoned ourselves to their small but exquisite collection of antiquities. We were joined by my college friend Laura for a lovely lunch in the museum's atrium luncheonette (she's a lovely person everybody should meet). We finished the museum, shopped and went to Laura's for a dinner of chicken and mushrooms in a heart stopping cream sauce that added inches to my waist. She then very thoughtfully left, taking the leftovers to her boyfriend ("She would stay with her boyfriend for us?" Wayne marveled).

The next day it was another long trek, across lush Missouri. We did coffee in Columbia at a groovy cafe and enjoyed a quick trip through the suburbs of St. Louis for some rubber stamp shopping. We got off the highway, drove past the base of the Arch, then got back on the highway and headed for Columbus, Ohio.

Pat and Craig, Wayne's friends for 25 years, put us up in style. We stayed in their Victorian Village home, built in the early 1880s. We were met at the door with Beefeater martinis and we each had two. After a day of shopping we had drinks in German Village, a wonderfully restored European flavored neighborhood, and a casual supper in a local eatery. After a good night's sleep we drove off to New York City.

Pennsylvania was drop dead gorgeous...the rolling hills, the gentle fog. We enjoyed beautifully temperate weather the whole trip, except for the Evil

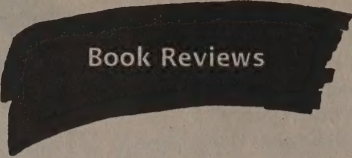
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Kansas Prairie. We entered via the George Washington Bridge, but my first view of NYC wasn't the amazing lights and the endless sea of architecture, but thick fog. Later it rained and we worried about the weather for the March.

Wayne's friends Billy and Bob put us up on a futon in their spacious two bedroom apartment two blocks from the World Trade Center, which we could see from where we made love (but we didn't -- we were too worn out from all the traveling).

The March was a truly incredible experience. I'll never be the same. Every fantasy I had ever had was there, walking in the streets. You've never seen so many pumped, shaved from head to toe queers in your life! We saw Armistead Maupin and the cast from "Tales of the City." I yelled out, "We're here, we're queer, where's our Discount?!?" and meant it -- billions of queers have dumped tons of money in NYC this past week. On the Big Lawn we watched Rupaul claim that she felt like Diana Ross in Grand Central Park.

Wayne's friend John and his lover Felipe (the French HUNK) later hosted a lovely dinner on their building's roof, where Felipe has created a garden under the stars. We were joined by Richard from Denver (Wayne's neighbor, it turns out) and a German couple, both runners who participated in the Gay Games. We topped off the night with a disco party at the Roxy. Shannon (some disco diva with a song that the queers made famous) sang her toon. Jimmy Summerville, ex-Bronski Beat Wailer, was the star attraction. A lot of gyrating was goin' on!



Book Reviews

The next stop on the Big Fag Tour 1994 was Winterthur Museum in Delaware. If you're a furniture queen you know, girl, what I'm talking about. If not, you have no

excuse: in Queer 101, decorating history is a MUST. After the most orgasmic tour of the best in American furniture and decorative arts, we drove to Pittsburgh. Let me be the first to tell you that (1) the Andy Warhol Museum is a gorgeous building -- great lighting, nice bathrooms with urinal dividers. On the 7th floor we viewed "Oxidations," paintings of some copper base that had been urinated upon, causing oxidation of the paint. For my money it sure beat Jackson Pollack to hell. You work your way down: 6th floor was 1940s and 50s graphic art, down to the 80s on the second floor. Aside from the mylar pillow room, my favorite work was Warhol's tribute to his black and hispanic drag queen friends: some 20 individual portraits of these courageous people, as much stars as anybody who he did for the cover of *Interview*. And (2) he was a BIG FAG and they've opened the biggest queer museum in the world right in Pittsburgh!

Now we're in Cleveland staying with Wayne's favorite friends Patrick and Jim. These lovely men have given us clean towels and a guest bedroom facing the 28 year old hunk who lives across the street. We haven't seen him yet...but we're waiting!

I have to go now -- dinner's ready. See you next month! ▼

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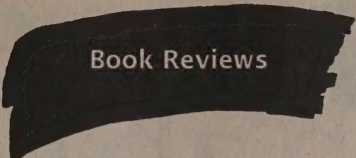
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Lesbian author Makeda Silvera gives a voice to the voiceless

by Jeffrey Canton
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Her Head A Village. Press Gang. 128 pages.
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"Her head was a noisy village, one filled with people, active and full of life, with many concerns and opinions." Thus begins the title story in Makeda Silvera's new collection of short fiction, *Her Head A Village*.

At 39, Silvera's power as a creative artist lies in her unerring ability to give voices to the voiceless. *Her Head A Village* is at once as pungently evocative as it is startling and provoking: After nine years of living illegally in Canada, a single mother finds herself deported back to Jamaica without her child; a violent and homophobic voyeur watches with disgust, and arousal, the playful passion of a black lesbian couple; a series of Canada Customs bureaucrats harasses a black woman returning from a vacation in Jamaica. Makeda Silvera's stories force us again and again to think about just what it means to be "black / woman / lesbian / mother / worker." "It's important to confront issues of class and sexuality and race," says Silvera, "whether you are gay or lesbian, a person of

colour, or other. I write to understand myself, society and my place in society. Her *Head A Village* is grounded in lives I've known, if not through my own experience, then through issues around language. How language can mute you in this kind of society.

"You have to give yourself a voice -- it's a political act. When you don't speak in the language of the other or of the establishment, you are silenced and you feel silenced. You have to take that and turn it around and make sense out of it -- be powerful."

Not only has Silvera done that in her own writing, but she's also managed to create a niche for herself in Toronto's arts community in order, says Silvera, to "give voice to a lot of women who would never have access to being taken seriously as writers, to being published, or to being read in public." Silvera founded *Sister Vision: Black Women and Women of Colour Press* in 1985 with her partner, Stephanie Martin. (It was Martin who painted the striking cover for *Her Head A Village*.) Makeda's writing is a reflection of her personal diversity. Her other work includes *Silenced* (revised '89), an acclaimed collection of oral histories of black domestic workers; *Piece of My Heart* ('91), an anthology of writings by lesbians of colour, and *Remembering G.* ('91), her first collection of fiction.

"I like the place *Sister Vision* is going now," says Silvera. We're about to publish an anthology of lesbian and bisexual Asian writing, *The Very Inside*.

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It's very exciting!"

Silvera is also involved with the Centre for Lesbian and Gay Studies and in the forthcoming Writing Through Race conference that takes place in Vancouver in June. "It's become very controversial because the workshops and a lot of the panels will be restricted to people of colour. The readings and many of the other events are open to anyone.

"I'm tired and disgusted by the idea that this is apartheid. Where are they coming from? Do they know what apartheid is? Have you ever lived apart-
heid? "In 1983 there was a Women and Words confer-
ence -- that didn't mean that participants were anti-
male. It's a space for people of colour, writers of
colour, to begin to talk. We've never had that space.
It's not to get together to talk about white folk." ▼

Southern Colorado AIDS Project

State Reviews HIV Risk Reduction Education

by Richard Blair,
Executive Director, S-CAP

Colorado is currently in the process of reviewing and developing a new needs assessment of HIV Risk Reduction Educational Outreach. During the past several months an ad hoc committee has been meeting on a regular basis developing the process to receive input from communities and stake holders.

The process is being designed to allow communi-
ties to better participate in identifying needs specific

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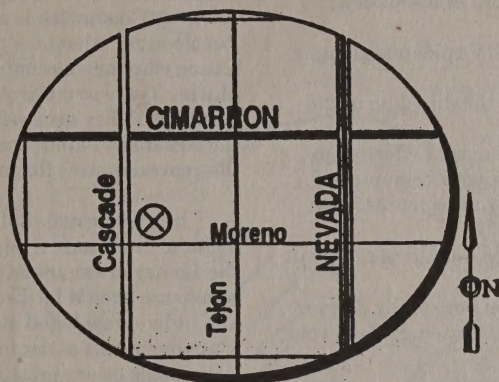
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to their geographical areas. The process will include regional meetings as well as open meetings in Denver. These meetings are scheduled to begin in July and be conducted on a regular basis through August.

S-CAP and its Pueblo Advisory Committee will be working in Southern Colorado to solicit input and define needs in our area. The following questions are being reviewed as a starting point of discussions:

1. Where do you see the HIV epidemic going in your community?
2. Who will be affected by the direction of the HIV epidemic?
3. What strategies would be most effective in preventing the spread of HIV in your community?
4. What is the capacity of your community to respond to its prevention needs?
5. What resources would be helpful to carry out those prevention strategies?
6. What two things can you personally do over the next year to achieve the prevention goals in your community?

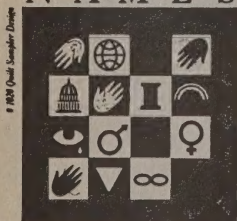
Additional components of the HIV program include epidemiologic and behavioral surveillance;

research; HIV counseling, testing, referrals, partner notification; individual level interventions; health education; and risk reduction interventions; public information programs and more.

S-CAP encourages individuals to submit their ideas and thoughts. People in the El Paso County area may send any thoughts and ideas to Jeff Milligan at S-CAP, P.O. Box 311, CSC 80901. The Pueblo Advisory Committee is accepting information in the Pueblo area. Members of the Pueblo Advisory Committee who may be contacted include Dan Otoupalik, Shirley Tyree and Carolyn Davis. Representing the San Luis Valley area will be Charlotte Ledonne, and the Arkansas Valley Coalition on AIDS will serve as the representative for the Arkansas Valley area.

It is requested that anyone submitting input include: their name, daytime telephone number and the agency or organization you represent. Initial comments should be directed to any of the agencies and individuals listed above prior to the end of July. If anyone needs assistance in contacting any of these individuals or organizations, Jeff at the S-CAP office will help: 578-9092, or within the 719 area code call 1-800-241-5468. ▼

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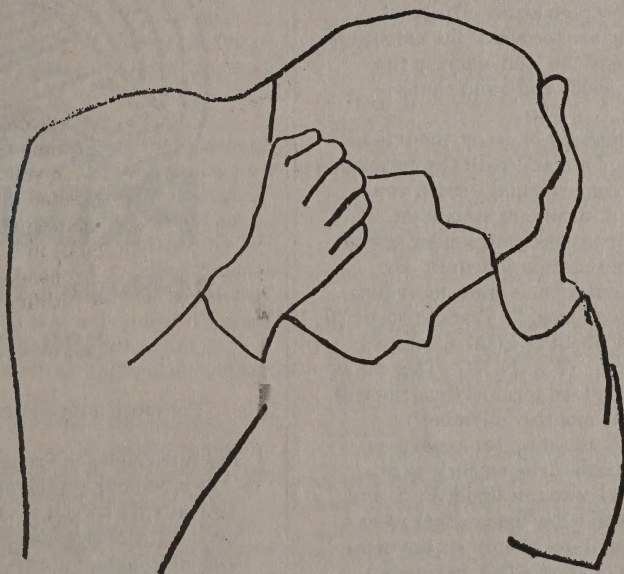
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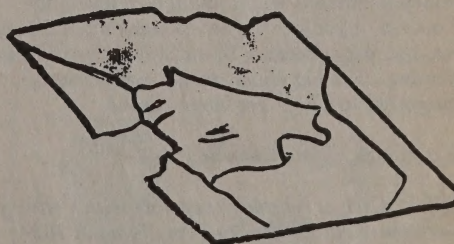
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Real Estate

Still Paying Interest in 2024?

Prepayment: A Better Choice
by Tom Halfast

This month we'll continue our look at the world of financing. Specifically we'll examine several methods of prepaying mortgage loans. The most obvious reasons to prepay are to reduce the amount of interest paid over the life of the loan, shorten the number of years before payoff, and build equity -- forced savings -- quicker.

The most common manner of prepayment is to pay next month's principal amount with the current payment. To determine the principal portion you need to pay, simply look at a current statement. If you don't receive a statement ask your lender or any Realtor to provide an amortization schedule. By paying early and on a regular basis one may reduce the length of the loan payoff from 30 years to about 20 years, and therefore save about \$64,000 in interest charges on a \$100,000 note. (WARNING: This can be painful near the end of the loan term as the principal portion nearly doubles the monthly payment!)

Another possibility is to set up the repayment schedule on a bi-weekly basis. The mechanics are simple: Take the payment amount, divide by 2, and pay this amount on the same day every other week. In effect, then, you'll be making twenty six payments a year (or the equivalent of 13 monthly payments). This method will also reduce a 30-year payment period to about 20 years; however, you won't need extra money to make it work; just lots of discipline.

Of course, if you don't want to track all of this on your own, you may choose a 15- or 20-year term from the beginning. The big disadvantage will be the higher payment to which you have agreed.

Next month: More financing...

Tom Halfast, GRI, is a broker associate with Century 21 Cornerstone Real Estate Company, Inc., at 1024 West Colorado Avenue near Old Colorado City. He provides this column as a monthly service to the community, and may be reached at 632-8551, or in Manitou at 685-0621. ▼

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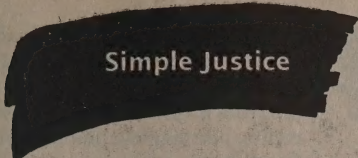
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Primary Elections Are Around The Corner

by Marian Stone

The primary elections for both the Republican and Democratic parties will be held on Tuesday, August 9.

On the Democratic party side there are no contested races of any real concern. However, the Republican party has some contested races that are a real concern as to who wins and moves onto the ballot in November.

The Republican party offers three candidates to choose from to run for Governor in November against Roy Romer. They are: Bruce Benson, Dick Sargent and Mike Bird. Bruce Benson was, and still is, an avid supporter of Amendment 2. He signed Bill Armstrong's own petition to get Amendment 2 on the 1992 ballot. A few weeks ago Benson was on a local radio talk show spouting off the same *public* rhetoric that CFV used during the Amendment 2 campaign, and he denounced Judge Bayless' decision of declaring Amendment 2 unconstitutional.

Dick Sargent, a few short months ago, was running around saying very loudly that he voted for Amendment 2 and still supported it; however, in more recent weeks he has toned down a bit about it.

Mike?? Well, he's a tougher bird to pin down. He has stated that it's nobody's business how he voted on Amendment 2. He does a very good dance around the subject, except to say that if he had been Governor he would not have acted as Romer did, and that it is the Governor's job and duty to uphold the wishes of

the voters of this state.

In the Senate District 9 race there will also be three names on the Republican ballot: Charles Duke, Tom Ratterree and Ed Rasimus.

Back in 1991 the state legislature proposed a resolution to remember those who were targeted by the Nazis during the Holocaust. The resolution included gays, and Charles Duke threw an absolute tantrum saying that to include homosexuals would only serve the purpose of "glorifying homosexuality."

As for Tom Ratterree, he is the twin brother of Charles Duke.

Ed Rasimus will be the third name listed on the ballot for this particular race. Rasimus is seen as a moderate by those inside and outside the Republican party.

There are only two candidates running against each other in the House District 22 race, and they are Marcy Morrison and Ken Gray.

Word has it that Ken Gray is playing far right field and looks to be a "favorite son" of Focus on the Family. Marcy Morrison, on the other hand, seems to be playing in center field.

If you are not presently registered to vote you have until July 15 to do so. If you are registered as either a Democrat or Republican, but would like to vote in the other party's primary election, you also have until July 15 to make that switch to the other party. After the election you may switch back to your original party by just simply calling the election department.

If you are presently registered as "unaffiliated," or as some people like to say, "independent," you can walk in on election day at your polling location and declare yourself as a Democrat or as a Republican in order to vote in that party's election, and as stated above you may switch back later.

Both parties are located at each of the polling locations. ▼

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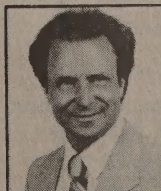


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From the Editor

This is July, our month for pride celebrations, not only in Colorado Springs, but all across our country.

Last year at this time the eyes of the country were focused on Colorado, on our first Pride Week since the passage of Amendment 2. Predictably the tone of most of the speakers at most of the rallies was one of defiance toward those who would write and vote for such measures. But there were also calls for equal rights for all of us.

This year the eyes of the country were focused on New York City, on the Gay Games and on the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall riots. I noted with pleasure the tone of the national coverage of these and other events. It would seem that gays and lesbians throughout the country are getting their act together. We are realizing this summer what last summer was only a dream: we are working together for a common goal, that of equal rights for all. Our calls for equal rights, no matter how they have been voiced, have been heard by the national press, and they have responded.

I watched a network story on the Gay Games

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which focused on the three world records that were broken. Another network story focused on the progress of gay and lesbian civil rights, pointing out the trail blazed for all Americans by the black civil rights movement of the 1960s. Last

week I heard Dan Rather urge Americans to think of our commemoration of the Stonewall riots as a reminder to keep "tolerance" in our vocabularies as well as actions. (He also noted that those who most loudly lobby against "special rights" are those whose civil rights are the least threatened.)

Of course things aren't perfect, and goals haven't been reached. But it doesn't take a genius to look at these things and see some progress. To have Dan Rather cheering for us on the five o'clock news is certainly progress worth celebrating during PrideFest. We should realize that to act as a group with a common national goal, and to do so within the boundaries of the society of which we are inextricably a part, the publicity we receive is more positive. More boring than riot coverage, perhaps, but more positive, and in the long run equally productive.

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normal. Different, yes. But totally normal, not demented and not perverted. Just normal people who happen to be gay and lesbian, wanting to live, work and play without additional hassles, and without losing our equal rights.

When we celebrate ourselves in the weeks ahead, each in our own way and with our own voices, let's celebrate how far we've come, and let's make the challenges of the future something exciting, something that we can achieve together. Let's continue to build on the foundation left for us by the organizers of the Mattachine Society and the Daughters of Bilitis: We are everywhere, and don't deserve to be singled out for special discrimination. In the spirit of Stonewall, let's keep pushing for what's proper and against what's not: We should be included, not excluded, in equal rights for all.

And in the spirit of the publicity we've been receiving, let's do it right! ▼

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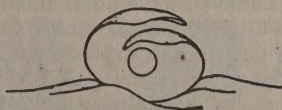
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Gay Games IV & Stonewall 25 Roll Through New York

NEW YORK (June 26 GayNet) — "Welcome to Yankee Stadium! You've come to the right place," actor/playwright Harvey Fierstein said to the roared approval of more than 40,000 spectators as nearly 12,000 athletes from around the world marched in the famed New York stadium during the closing ceremonies of Gay Games IV.

The thousands of women and men from 43 countries competed in 31 sporting events held at 42 locations around the New York City metropolitan area. The weeklong event, which organizers said drew more than a half-million visitors to Manhattan where they spent at least an estimated \$400 million, was astoundingly free of trouble. At the opening ceremonies at Columbia University Stadium on June 18, three rather forlorn anti-gay fundamentalists showed up outside the arena to warn of "the evils of homosexuality" while tens of thousands and lesbians and gay men simply ignored them.

New York's police force, beefed up with some 6,500 officers on overtime duty during the week, reported not a single anti-gay attack connected with the gigantic event.

On Saturday evening, June 25, after the Gay Games closing ceremonies the International Dyke March drew an estimated 7,000 women who marched from 42nd street down Fifth Avenue - without a permit - to a raucous and festive rally at Washington Square Park. A mile-long rainbow flag led the parade from the United Nations up First Avenue to Central Park on Sunday - the "official" Stonewall 25 march that included Mayor Giuliani. ACT UP, Gay & Lesbian Americans and other groups organized an unauthorized parade up Fifth Avenue. Stonewall 25 organizers had been refused a city permit for that route. How many other people were in the post-march rally at Central Park, however, varied wildly from parade organizers who put the figure at 1.1 million to estimates by city police and parks officials who said the actual number was a mere 100,000 people.

Texas Daily Publishes Same-Sex Unions

EL PASO, Texas (June 26 GayNet) — The El Paso *Times* has become the first daily newspaper in Texas - and one of only a handful in the U.S. - to accept same-sex couples announcements on an equal footing with opposite-sex wedding notices.

The Everett (Washington) *Herald* near Seattle is believed to be the first daily paper in the U.S. to begin publishing same-sex partners notices, which it

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began doing in November 1990. Ironically, many dailies in larger cities in the U.S. completely abandoned publishing any kind of wedding or engagement announcements before the gay and lesbian

domestic partners boom got into full swing in this country.

Fla. Democrats Sign Anti-Bias Pledge

ORLANDO, Fla. (June 27 GayNet) — Scores of Orange County, Fla., Democratic Party candidates signed nondiscrimination pledges during the county convention after the Rainbow Democratic Club of Orlando lobbied the hopeful pols. County Democrats from school board hopefuls to gubernatorial candidates signed the pledge, which simply states: "The sexual orientation of an individual shall not be a consideration in the hiring, promoting or terminating of an employee in my elected office, and shall be so stated in my personnel policies and procedures."

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4th HIV Drug OK'd by FDA

WASHINGTON (June 27 GayNet) — The U.S. Food & Drug Administration has given its OK to a 4th drug to fight HIV. The Bristol-Myers Squibb medicine Stavudine is designed to treat patients with severe HIV infections who cannot take other AIDS medications or who are no longer benefiting from them. David Kessler, FDA commissioner, called the Stavudine approval a "sign of our commitment to act quickly on treatment for life-threatening diseases."

Group Links Georgia Anti-Gay Commissioner with Far Right Extremists

ATLANTA (June 27 GayNet) — The Atlanta-based anti-bias group Neighbors Network has released a report, "Hidden Agenda: The Influence of Religious Extremism on the Politics of Cobb County, Georgia,"

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which links anti-gay County Commissioner Gordon Wysong with a little-known far-right religious movement that advocates the death penalty for homosexuals and replacing democracy in the U.S. with a

theocracy.

According to Walter Reeves of Neighbors Network, "the Christian Reconstructionist Movement has operated in Cobb County in the manner common to hate groups." Reeves said, "Their advocacy of the death penalty for gays and lesbians makes clear that their ultimate goal is the suppression of civil rights of gays and lesbians as a class of citizens. This is the operating definition of a hate group." A resolution by Wysong - and approved by a majority of the county commission - condemned the "gay lifestyle."

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Benetton's Reagan Ad Raises Eyebrows

ROME (June 27 GayNet) — Colors, the house magazine of the clothing manufacturer Benetton, raised eyebrows around the world - again - in late June with a retouched photo of former U.S. President Ronald Reagan, depicting him with kaposi sarcoma lesions. According to a Benetton spokesperson, the retouched photo was the clothing manufacturer's way of pointing the finger of blame at the one-time actor and former president for not acting to battle the AIDS epidemic.

Conn. Mayor Turns Down AIDS Grant

MERIDEN, Conn. (June 27 GayNet) — Joseph Marinaro, the mayor of Meriden, Conn., has refused a \$109,574 federal AIDS grant, arguing that increasing social services ends up costing cities more in the long run because low-income people gravitate to cities with such services. The federal grant would have been used for AIDS testing, prevention, counseling services, and case management by the city health department.

Storm Clouds in the High Tech Industry

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (June 28 GayNet) — After a decade or so of positive movement in support of gay and lesbian employees, the computer industry has been hit with dual toe-stubs that promise to continue to stir things up in the heart of Silicon Valley.

First, Computer Associates International Inc., of Islandia, N.Y., purchased Ask Group Inc., the database software firm, acquiring with it the Ingres Corp., an Ask subsidiary. Computer Associates doesn't recognize domestic partner benefits for its workers, and immediately there were reports of an exodus of workers from both Ask and Ingres over the issue.

Then Oracle Corp. of Redwood Shores, Ca., started taking heat from employees identifying themselves as Christians because Oracle co-sponsored a gay-pride display in June as part of the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots. Some of the anti-gay workers complained that the company supported Gay Pride Week but didn't support a "Christian Pride Week."

Vicki Yee, Oracle's diversity program manager, wrote in a lengthy memo defending the firm's actions, that "current empirical data does indicate that the negative stigma attached to homosexuality has created gay and lesbian work issues that are quite dis-

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tinct from the work issue of both Christian and non-Christian heterosexuals..."

FBI's 1993 Federal Hate Crimes Report

BERLIN (June 28 GayNet) — FBI Director Louis Freeh, in Germany for an anti-right wing conference, released details of the U.S. government's 1993 hate crimes statistics.

Of the 7,684 crimes reported, the report indicates, 806 - or 10.5% - were motivated by the victim's sexual orientation. The crimes reported ranged from minor property vandalism to assaults, rapes and murders. The motivation in the majority of the reported hate crimes continued to be race (4,168), followed by religion (1,189).

Sexual orientation - which almost exclusively means anti-gay attacks - followed next, and national or ethnic origin was last with 583 reported crimes.

American Airlines Produces Gay-Positive Employee Video

ATLANTA (June 28 GayNet) — American Airlines, which ran into troubled skies when a flight crew carrying passengers back from the National March on Washington last year replaced all the pillows and blankets midway through the flight because gays and lesbians had used them, has put out



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Federal Commission Sues Union Health Fund Over AIDS

PHILADELPHIA (June 28 GayNet) — The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has filed a lawsuit against the Laborers District Council of the Building & Construction Health & Welfare Fund, charging the union fund with insurance discrimination against workers with HIV or AIDS. The suit charges that the fund has a lifetime limit of \$100,000 on insurance payments for catastrophic illnesses - but a \$10,000 lifetime cap on payments for treatment related to HIV or AIDS.

Gay Store Charged with Obscenity for Renting Pasolini Film

CINCINNATI (June 29 GayNet) — Cincinnati officials have charged the Pink Pyramid, a gay and lesbian book and gift shop with pandering obscene

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materials for renting the 1975 classic Paolo Pasolini film, "Salò: 120 Days of Sodom." "Salò," a controversial and often-graphic anti-fascist film, periodically shows around the country in art theaters.

But after Cincinnati undercover police officers rented it, they charged the store and its employees with pandering obscenity. Cathy Adams, Pink Pyramid's attorney, said, "It's a very disturbing film, but it has great artistic value and has received a lot of artistic acclaim."

The late Pasolini also directed "The Canterbury Tales," "Gospel According to St. Matthew," and "Oedipus Rex." His "Salò" is an adaptation of a novel by the Marquis DeSade, updated to Italy during World War II.

'AIDS-Free Zone' at Late Guru's Commune

PUNE, India (June 29 GayNet) — The commune started by free-sex advocate and Indian guru Bhagwan Rajneesh in India before his death 4 years ago, offers an "AIDS-Free Zone" in its compound which allows only members with special passes to enter. Commune members are tested by commune doctors for HIV in a clinic located on the property; those who test negative are given the special passes that allow them entrance into the compound's "AIDS-Free Zone." The commune's literature does warn, however, that even those who have tested negative may still be carrying the virus.

Italian Medical Ethics Group Doesn't Want Pregnant Lesbians

ROME (June 29 GayNet) — The National Committee for Bio-ethics in Italy has issued new guidelines urging that artificial insemination be restricted to heterosexuals of child-bearing age - and not be extended to lesbians.

The guidelines come after news reports that a lesbian mother recently gave birth to a child she intends to rear with her female partner and statements by the artificial insemination clinic in Northern Italy that impregnated the women that it would continue to offer its services to lesbians.

The Vatican's principal morality theologian, Father Gino Concetti, said the church welcomes the new guidelines. In an editorial in the Catholic paper, L'Osservatore Romano recently, Concetti wrote that artificial insemination for lesbians "represents a challenge to reason and nature and by extension a challenge to God, the creator of man and woman, of nature and the rules that govern the life of the universe."

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Gays in Germany Fails

BERLIN (June 30 GayNet) — The government of German Chancellor Helmut Kohl beat back proposals in parliament to give constitutional recognition of same-sex and opposite-sex "marriage-like" partnerships, along with a number of other liberalizing proposals. Government deputies objected that the liberal proposals were "undesirable" or inappropriate to include in unified Germany's new constitution.

Caribbean Clinic Shut Down as AIDS 'Hoax'

GEORGE TOWN, Cayman Island (June 30 GayNet) — According to the Reuters news service, government health officials on the Cayman Islands closed down an AIDS treatment clinic because it says the procedure offered at the facility - at a cost of \$15,000 per patient - is "a hoax."

Officials said the firms operating the clinic - Anti-Viral of America and International Laboratories Ltd. - touted a treatment of vitamin C and the anti-gout drug colchicine in a saline solution. The treatment, Cayman Islands officials said, had been advertised in the U.S. as a "clinical trial" although neither the U.S. nor Britain have sanctioned any trials for such a combination treatment.

HIV Transmission Risks Among Bisexual Men

SAN FRANCISCO (June 19 GayNet) — A study on the prevalence and patterns of sexual behavior among male bisexuals has concluded that San Francisco men identifying themselves as bisexual are not likely to transmit HIV to their female partners.

The finding by researchers at the University of California at San Francisco contradicts a general misconception that bisexual men provide a "bridge" carrying HIV from the gay subculture to the larger heterosexual community, according to UCSF lead researcher Dr. Maria Ekstrand. The study, which involved 140 unmarried men whose HIV status was known to the researchers, found that most of the sexual risk-taking took place when the bisexual men had sex with other males - not when engaged in sex with women.

Only 7 percent of the bisexual male actually reported having sex with women, and among this group, a mere 2 percent reported having unprotected vaginal intercourse, the study reports. The findings also indicate that the men in the study significantly cut back on sexual risk-taking behaviors in general and particularly during male-male sex, during the

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five-year term of the study. Although unprotected vaginal intercourse remains common among men who have sex with women, this behavior was reported almost exclusively by the HIV-negative men involved in the research.

British House of Lords OKs Gay Sex at 18

LONDON (June 20 GayNet) — The British House of Lords voted 176-113 to lower the age of consent for male homosexual acts in England from 21 to 18, following a similar move by the House of Commons earlier this year. Also like the lower house of Parliament, the Lords rejected by a 245-71 vote a move to lower the gay male age of consent to 16 - the age of consent that already applies to heterosexuals in the country.

Lesbigan Couples Sue Austin Over Loss of Partner Benefits

AUSTIN, Texas (June 20 GayNet) — Three Austin lesbian and gay couples have filed suit in a Texas district court against the city of Austin because of the loss of domestic partner benefits when city voters in May overwhelmingly repealed a city ordi-

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nance that extended the benefits to city employees. The ACLU says it will probably also file a similar suit in behalf of 98 other city workers - both gay and straight - whose partners lost the benefits following the May 7 election repeal.

The suit charges the city with breach of contract and unfair insurance practices because voters yanked the benefits program that had been in place since September when it was initially approved by the city council. The couples in the just-filed suit are: Janice Bailey and Renee Villeneuve; Michael Moon and Tom R. Cox; and Kathryn Janes and Wendy Foxworth, who is co-pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church in Austin. "At a time when the nation is trying to ensure greater access to preventive health care, the city has taken away health care from our families," Foxworth said. "Our families deserve the same protection as other city employee families."

Senators Threaten NEA Funds Over Bloody AIDS Performance

WASHINGTON (June 20 GayNet) — U.S. Sens. Robert Byrd (D.-W.Va.) and Don Nickles (R-Okla.) warned the National Endowment for the Arts that it could be jeopardizing its 1995 federal budget if the arts agency did not take steps to avoid "such grossly improper activities" as a recent performance in which an HIV-infected artist used his own blood on stage.

To make a statement about AIDS, Ron Athey pierced his body with needles. He also carved designs into the back of an assistant, blotted the man's blood with a paper towel, and sent the soaked paper towels over the audience on a clothesline.

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Virginia Court Orders Son Returned to Sharon Bottoms

RICHMOND, Va. (June 21 GayNet) — The Virginia Court of Appeals has overturned a lower court child custody ruling that

ordered the 2-year-old son of Sharon Bottoms removed from her home because she acknowledged she is a lesbian. "A parent's private sexual conduct, even if illegal, does not create a presumption of unfitness," wrote Judge Sam Coleman for the 3-member panel.

The unanimous appeals court ruling overturned a lower court ruling that gave custody of the boy to Bottoms' 43-year-old mother, Kay Bottoms, who had brought the custody dispute against her daughter. The grandmother was unavailable for comments following the decision, but her attorney, Richard Ryder, said his client would appeal the case to the state Supreme Court. "It's another example, in my opinion, of the breakdown in morality in this country," he told the Washington Post. "The lesbians and homosexuals are going to take over one of these days, the way things are going."

Virginia Low-Income Housing Loans to Include Gay/Lesbian Families

RICHMOND, Va. (June 21 GayNet) — The Virginia Housing Development Authority has approved a proposed regulatory change that would allow offering low-income loans to non-traditional households, including gay and lesbian couples.

The proposal alters current regulations, which restrict such loans to families that are related by "blood, marriage or adoption," to include low-income joint house purchasers defined as "two or more individuals living together on the premises as a single, nonprofit housekeeping unit."

Several area gay and lesbian homeowners and prospective buyers spoke in support of the proposed change as did representatives of Richmond's and Virginia's mortgage bankers association and the Richmond Assn. of Realtors. But Margaret Braddy of Concerned Women of America called the proposal a move toward "illegal and immoral behavior." "Virginia will not be improved by disregarding the importance ... of the family unit," Braddy said. But the VHDA board disagreed and approved the regulation change with only one vote cast against it.

Ooh, La-La! Condom Home Delivery

PARIS (June 21 GayNet) — The French communications company A2E Interactif is now offering delivery of condoms to the homes of customers who

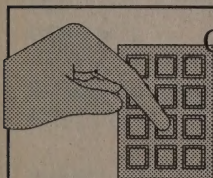
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referral to local political organizations
hate crime and harassment reporting
crisis intervention



are embarrassed to ask for them at local drugstores. Four condoms will be delivered within 48 hours of placing the order through Minitel, France's international computer network according to the firm. The call itself costs \$1.00 per minute, and A2E Interactif says it will contribute 18 cents from each call to either AIDS research or an educational awareness campaign in the country.

Gay Athlete May Be Deported Over HIV Status

NEW YORK (June 22 GayNet) — Shaun Mellors, a 28-year-old swimmer from South Africa, said he lied about his HIV-positive status as a protest of the "stupidity" of a 1987 U.S. policy prohibiting people with HIV or AIDS from entering the country.

Mellors said that because the ban is not based on public health policy and discriminates against homosexuals and AIDS patients, and because he feared harassment by U.S. immigration officials, he did not apply for the special Immigration and Naturalization Service waiver for infected athletes attending Gay Games IV in New York City. Mellors now faces deportation, however, because he acquired his visa

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fraudulently, according to a spokesperson for INS.

Glove Ad Gets Canadian Brewery in Hot Water

TORONTO (June 22 GayNet)

— Flooded with dozens of complaints that it appears to be promoting sex and condoms, Canada's Molson Breweries withdrew an ad featuring a packaged condom and the message that after buying Carling Ice discount beer there will be enough money left to buy a "glove" - a slang for condoms.

A Molson spokesperson explained that the brewery was only trying to reflect "the priority that young people give today to safe and responsible sexual relations," and that the ad was pulled because of the strong nature of the complaints. Some callers were offended by the picture of the condom; others said the ad suggested that drinking beer would lead to sex, and still others said the ad encouraged sexual behavior.

Woman Stabs Cop with Needle She Said Was HIV Infected

BOSTON (June 22 GayNet) — A Dorchester,



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Mass., woman being taken to jail on June 18 reportedly jabbed a Boston police officer with a hypodermic needle that may have been filled with HIV-contaminated blood. After the incident, 27-year-old Julie Harris shouted, "I'll stab any police officer I want with needles and I'll make sure they have blood in them so you'll get AIDS."

According to police, Harris was handcuffed, but somehow managed to retrieve a syringe from her underwear and attempted to stab Officer Stephen J. Ridge through a crack in the police cruiser's partition. Ridge pulled over and called for help. Sgt. Trent Holland responded and was allegedly stabbed in his middle left finger with the needle as he tried to restrain Harris.

HIV Athletes at the Gay Games

NEW YORK (June 23 GayNet) — Although no one knows exactly how many of the 10,400 athletes participating in New York City's Gay Games IV are HIV-positive or have full-blown AIDS, at least 300 have voluntarily informed organizers that they are infected, the New York Times reports.

Some of the infected athletes came to fulfill a competitive desire before their bodies grew too weak, the paper said. Some came to prove that they still could, and some to eradicate the stereotypical image of emaciated, scarred AIDS patients. Also, they came because they did not know if they would be alive for the next competition in 1998. Motivated by these reasons, the athletes are spurred to achieve their personal bests. HIV-positive swimmer James T.

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Ballard, for example, swam a world record for his age group in the 100-meter backstroke on Tuesday, June 21.

Anonymous HIV Sites Double

Testing Requests

TORONTO (June 23 GayNet) — According to the Toronto Globe & Mail, there have been twice as many requests for HIV tests in the southern Ontario municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth since anonymous HIV testing was introduced in 1992. About 18 people a week in the region are tested for the virus, up from about eight per week before the anonymous testing program was launched, Canadian physicians are obliged by law to report HIV positive test results to local medical authorities, except in the two dozen clinics approved for anonymous testing. The Ontario Ministry of Health will review assessments of the 24 anonymous test sites this year, and will decide whether to approve more, said a spokesperson for the ministry's AIDS Bureau.

AIDS Trials to Begin in Australia

SYDNEY (June 24 GayNet) — Australian AIDS researchers have announced that a new drug that is believed to boost the immune system rather than

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attack the HIV virus itself, is to be tested for the first time in the country. Scientists hope that the drug, Interleukin-2 (IL-2), will increase the life expectancy and quality of life for people infected with HIV. Preliminary studies using IL-2 have shown that some HIV positive people have experienced a fourfold increase in T-cell counts. One hundred twenty volunteers in Sydney, Melbourne and Perth with relatively healthy immune systems are being sought to participate. The drug is

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supposed to boost the immune system so the virus has less chance of reproducing. In a trial in the U.S. two years ago, 90 percent of the participants, with an average T-cell count of 400, showed marked

increases in their counts for about a year. A stronger immune system also makes people less susceptible to secondary infections.

Group Meetings July, 1994

B-GALA, CC. Bisexual-Gay And Lesbian Alliance, Colorado College. No report.

B-GALA, UCCS. Bisexual-Gay And Lesbian Alliance, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs. No report.

CGRA. Colorado Gay Rodeo Association. Regular meetings: 1st Monday (July 4) membership meeting, 7:30 PM. 3rd Monday (July 18) board meeting, 7:00 pm. Both at Hide & Seek.

Dignity. Regular meetings: Mass on 1st and 3rd Saturdays (July 2 & 16), 7:00 pm, Sacred Heart Church, 21st and W Colorado. Call 635-5773 for details.

FLO. For Ladies Only. Meets every other Saturday; this month on July 2, 16 and 30. Leave a message at the Helpline to be called back with details.

GLAA. Gay & Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous. Regular meetings: Mondays, Fridays, 8:00 pm. Call Helpline for locations.

GLASG. Gay & Lesbian Adolescent Support Group. Regular meetings: Wednesdays, 6:00 pm. Call Helpline for locations and other details.

The Group. No report.

La Guia. Hotline: (719) 473-6771.

LBGF. Lesbian-Bisexual-Gay Families. Regular meetings: 2nd Sunday (July 10,, 10:30 AM, call Carol or Shellie for location: 570-1599.

Monarch House. There are boxes located in

Colorado Springs businesses for food donations, as well as donations of other household goods, to help PLWAs, and to help stock the food bank for Monarch House.

MCC. Pikes Peak Metropolitan Community Church. Regular meetings: Sunday church, 5:00 PM; choir rehearsal Sundays, 3:30 PM. Bingo Fridays at 7:00 PM, Saturdays at noon.

NP. *New Phazes.* Call 634-0236 for time and location of monthly collating party.

P-FLAG. Parents & Friends of Lesbians And Gays. Regular meetings: 2nd Wednesday. 6:00 PM, Newcomers meeting; 7:00 PM, Program.

PPCC. Pikes Peak Community College. No report.

PPDC. Pikes Peak Diversity Chorus. Rehearsals every Wednesday at 7:00 PM, music room of the West Side Intergenerational Learning Center. Call the Helpline for details.

PPGLCC. Pikes Peak Gay & Lesbian Community Center. Board meeting Tuesday, July 12,, 7:00 pm at the PPGLCC office, 121 East Pikes Peak, Suite 468. Call the Helpline for additional details.

S-CAP. Southern Colorado AIDS Project. Regular meetings: Board, 2nd Tuesday (July 12), 5:30 PM at the S-CAP office, 514 South Tejon.

UCRSE. United Court of the Rising Sun Empire. No report. ▼

COMMUNITY VISION

Events Calendar

July 1994

LEGEND

CGRA - Colorado Gay Rodeo Ass'n
B-GALA - Bisexual, Gay & Lesbian Alliance: Colorado College
CP - Citizens Project
Dignity - 635-5773
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GLASG - Gay & Lesbian Adolescent Support Group
The Group - The Group: Gay Educators Pot Luck Social
LBGF - Les-BI-Gay Families
LG - La Guia
MCC - Metropolitan Community Church
NP - New Phazes
OSG - Open Support Group
PA2 - Pueblo After 2
P-FLAG - Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays
PPDC - Pikes Peak Diversity Chorus
PPJP - Pikes Pkea Justice & Peace
S-CAP - Southern Colorado AIDS Project (578-9092)
TGSG - Transgender Support Group
UCRSE - United Court of the Rising Sun Empire

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THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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7:00 - MCC Bingo
8:00 - GLAA

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7:00 - Dignity
PM - FLO

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3:30 - MCC Choir
5:00 - MCC

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7:00 - CC Bingo
7:30 - CGRA M'Ship
8:00 - GLAA

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6:00 - GLASG
7:00 - PPDC

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7:30 - CMI

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7:00 - MCC Bingo
8:00 - GLAA

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5:00 - MCC
DENVER'S
PRIDE PARADE

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7:00 - CC Bingo
8:00 - GLAA

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7:00 - PPGLCC Board

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7:00 - CGRA Board

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5:30 - UCRSE Board

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7:00 - Dignity Support
7:30 - CMI

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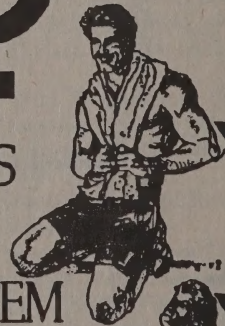
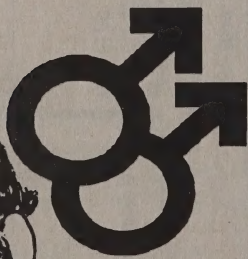
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Pueblo

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